

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 2018
CHAIRMAN LENNIX MADERE
VICE- CHAIR LARRY SNYDER

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, November 27th, 2018, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Larry Sorapuru, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, Julia Remonet, Councilwoman District II, Lennix Madere, Councilman District III, Marvin Perrilloux, Councilman District IV, Michael Wright, Councilman District V, Larry Snyder, Councilman District VI, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman-at-Large, Div. B

ABSENT: None

Councilwoman Remonet led the Prayer. Councilwoman Hotard led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel present was Keith Green, Jr., and Law Clerk Kennilyn Schmill.

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to go into session. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (2 minutes per citizen)

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Chairman. If I can, can you just clarify that when we get to the agenda items we will allow the public to talk on those items as well? Because sometimes I think it's appears as if they have to speak at the beginning of the agenda when the public sometimes wants to participate and wait to hear the discussion from the council."

Councilman Madere stated, "Alright, I don't have a problem with that. You'll also be able to, you can hold your comments until that item come up or you can come up and use your two (2) minutes. Okay?"

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Natalie Robottom - Presentation - Representative Ken Brass - 2019 Mardi Gras Season Events from the Krewe of M.A.C.

Natalie Robottom stated, "Mr. Brass left, but I think he left some documents with you all."

Larry Sorapuru/Brett Herr/Chris Gilmore - Presentation - West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Flood Risk Reduction Project

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes Chris."

Chris Gilmore stated, "Just wanted to know if you had one of the open comments. Thank you for inviting us tonight, my name is Chris Gilmore, I'm a Senior Project Manager with the Corps of Engineers. I am the, going to be the face of the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project. So if you have any questions you can direct

them to me from here until we finish construction. Tonight I'd like to just go over just a real quick brief status of where we are with this project. West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project was authorized for construction just recently, we have received/or in the process of receiving Seven Hundred Sixty Million Dollars (\$760,000,000) for the entire project. That includes construction, real estate acquisition, litigation, planning design all that stuff. One thing I kind of want to point out is that this is a Storm Surge Risk Reduction Project. So we are building a project that will prevent storm surge from Lake Pontchartrain from getting into St. John Parish. It's not an interior drainage project, so normal typical rainfall on a normal average day, is not going to be impacted by this project. So I just want to make that clear, cuz we've had some confusion about that, in other meetings. Real quick, the project consist of a total of about 23 miles, it's in three (3) parishes, there's about a half of mile in St. Charles, 18 miles in St. John and then about four and a half/five miles in St. James. So most of the project is in St. John Parish. The project consist of about 18 miles of levee, we're going to have some flood walls, t-walls, we're going to have some railroad gates, we're going to have some pumps stations, so it's a little bit of everything that you would see in a complete Storm Surge Risk Reduction Project. We are at the early stages of this project. We are/we have just recently requested right of entry to go out and start taking surveys, borings and other field investigations, we are now starting to get that right of entry back, the local sponsor for this project is actually Pontchartrain Levee District, and the CPRA from the state, so we've requested from them they're working with the various parishes and things like that to grant us that right of entry. Like I said, we're starting to get that back, we should be out in the field taking surveys, taking borings, doing all of our field investigations right after the first of the year. One thing I'd like to point out too is that, 18 miles of levee is going to take about nine (9) million cubic yards of material to build. And just for a frame of reference, that's about two (2) Superdomes full of material. So it's a lot of material that we're going to be looking for. We are, once we start getting our field investigations back, the surveys, the borings and things like that, we will start our detailed design that should be started sometime probably February, March, April, timeframe. Right now our current schedule is to award our first construction contract in early 2020, with construction complete of the entire system by 2024. So with that that's all I have for tonight, if there's any questions."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yeah I appreciate it thank you very much. Have ya'll been able to iron out the where the flood protection crosses and intersects with the Diversion Canal?"

Chris Gilmore stated, "So we are talking to CPRA almost on a weekly basis on how those are going to line up, we think we've got a pretty good plan of how those two (2) projects are going to live in the same space. There are a few minor details we have to work out, but we are coordinating and making sure both of those projects can coexist."

Councilman Malik stated, "Terrific appreciate it!"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Mr. Gilmore, who you said you work with again?"

Chris Gilmore stated, "U.S. Army Corps of Engineers."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Let me ask you something. With 18 miles of levee coming in St. John Parish, I know they've been having weekly meetings in St.

James at the Pontchartrain Levee District. Are we planning on having any kind of meetings/public meetings in St. John Parish?"

Chris Gilmore stated, "So the one meeting that we had in St. James Parish was set up by the Mayor of Gramercy, we did attend that that was his meeting. Once we get to a point where we are ready to present some useful some good information, the Corps will set-up public meetings, and we will set them up in St. James, in St. John and we will advertise that to make sure we get that announcement out to as many people as we can, so that as many people who want information can come to that meeting. So we do plan to have our own public meetings."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And just for clarification, those meetings that they're attending at the Levee District are not public meetings."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Those were stakeholder meetings. Those are invitation meetings, but the Mayor did request a specific meeting and that's what they held."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "That's my second question for a stakeholder. Are we, cuz I think one of the meeting we had with stakeholders if I'm not mistaken, we did it at a church in Baton Rouge. For our local contractors or something, that was with you?"

Chris Gilmore stated, "Sure, that was actually the Industry Day Meeting that we had a week or two ago."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Are we going to have that meeting here in St. John?"

Chris Gilmore stated, "That at this point no. That was the only Industry Day that we planned to have that we were planning to have, that I'm aware of. I can check on that, but I think that was the only one were planning to have."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And we can provide you some information on that. They did provide it, it wasn't specific to the West Shore Project. It was all the Army Corps of Engineers projects that's funded through this allocation, so at that meeting contractors were exposed to all of the projects and they may have an opportunity to participate with. West Shore is one of them, but there's other projects that funded through this \$1.4 billion dollars, so it was for any contractor interested in any project and I think they went through each project and explained what that scope was, so if there were any interested parties. But I do think yawl have a website..."

Chris Gilmore interrupting stated, "We do, there is. There's a website that I can give you that we can put out, we can put it on the parish website."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think Baileigh has it."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Please, cuz I know we have some local contractors' here, especially coming to St. John Parish with \$760 million. We need to get them to participate, our people participating in some of this project."

Chris Gilmore stated, "Absolutely and as President said, we have/I had given information to Baileigh, so she does have it and if there's anything that you need, obviously you're more than welcome to/more than happy to help out."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay, so that's contact number you was asking for information?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Mr. Gilmore, how many contractors we're going to have working on that levee?"

Chris Gilmore stated, "I cannot even tell you at this point and time. It's going to be a whole lot!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "A whole lot?"

Chris Gilmore stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Will we get access to those contractors' identification whereas, we might be able to at least contact them? You know what I mean?"

Chris Gilmore stated, "So once we start..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Like for instance you said we're going to get the first one in 2020?"

Chris Gilmore stated, "Correct!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright, he could be one of the contractors. Will we have access for that Parish here and all through the Administration?"

Chris Gilmore stated, "You'll definitely know who that contractor is yes!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's what I need to know. Alright."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Now again I'm not that familiar with this, but the plan should be to get some involvement before the contract's awarded. Cuz once a contract's awarded, those bids are based on participation by people who've given them prices. So I think what you guys want is for our local contractors to be put in contact, we've done some of those things before with some of the larger contractors, but the time to do that is before they submit their bids so they can have solid pricing from you, so they can include you in there. Now it's not to say they can't afterwards, but I think some of this work needs to be done on the front end rather than after the contracts awarded."

Chris Gilmore stated, "And what we can also do is whenever we do schedule our public meetings, contractors' obviously welcomed to show up there and get information at those public meetings whenever we do schedule those."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And that's exactly where I'm coming from right there Ms. Robottom. Because our contractors here, the people that we need to look out for, they have no way of finding out any of this. Unless we know, we can go to them and tell them what they need to do. And that's exactly what I'm talking

about here now, how will we be able to get the information so we can pass it on to them."

Chris Gilmore stated, "So I think what we could definitely do is whenever we go out and we solicit a contract, we could definitely provide at least a link to that solicitation so that could be made available to on the parish website, so anybody who goes out there can go and get a link to that solicitation. And if they're eligible and they want to place/submit a bid, more than happy. More bids the better."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ms. Robottom was saying that once we get that contractor, once you hire the contractor he got his people in place pretty much already. Am I right?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We've done something before where we tried to pair up some of our smaller local contractors with prime contractors by hosting contractor events. Now the one they had in Baton Rouge would have been one to go to, cuz obviously large contractors who had the ability to bid or participate in those jobs were in attendance. So what we would attempt to do would try to pair some of our folks who might not have the capital, the cash flow, the insurance to be able to do this, but want to work with contractors, and we can host something here to be able to do that. I think we did that with our home program, where we brought in people who could handle or manage the project and we brought in some much smaller participants who wanted to. Again, we can't force them to hire them but we can connect them with people who have plans to bid on these projects and whose done them before and who have the capital to be able to manage them, cuz these are our large projects, there was a timeframe that was mentioned and the Corp and we're trying to hold them to it to finish this project on time. And that means having people on the ground doing what they're supposed to in a timely fashion, and staying within the price that/or the funding that's been allocated. So I do think on our end before they get to selecting contractors, we need to again, try to provide our folks with some opportunity to meet some people who have done this."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And the little circle going round and round, and you're right. Again, how do we going to do that unless we know? I mean, will we have some avenue where we might be able to get to our people let our people know these things?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes sir! We're going to have to schedule something. Like you know, we..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Well we got our local newspaper here that we can do this with."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We actually have a list. We have a list of our contractors, we have a list of small businesses that you know again, a lot of it was based on some of the work that we'd done on the grant. What we also need to have is some potential contractors, so we know who does work for the Corps, there's people they select that's based on prior work as well, so those are the people we may engage to come and you know come and just set-up and facilitate a meeting with people in our parish who might be interested in it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, thank you sir."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yes Chris, thank you for coming out and the question I had for you, Mrs. Robottom answered it and I want to say that's what I was concerned with if we're going to encourage local participation if they qualify like Ms. Robottom say. Cuz that means a lot to all of us and I want to commend on the statement she made cuz that was my question, but Ms. Robottom answered it. So thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "One final question and I guess it's to the Council and Ms. Robottom. At what point are we going to procure or get a project engineer to help us with this project to keep their ear close to Mr. Gilmore's ear so it could keep us going on and know what's going on for St. John?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It is a good question. Yawl asked Mr. Gilmore for this last time and stunned him and now yawl stunned me! [LAUGHTER] It's like what was being clear to us is the Corps Project. Okay, so they're running this project. We did speak to and you guys have been to the same meetings I've been at. So the amount of information we're getting so far has been limited and what we talked about was possibly drafting a scope of work that would help/have somebody representing us in some of these things that we are unfamiliar with, aren't able to attend and have somebody representing the parish. So far that scope is not clear, so that's kind of what we're waiting on. I shared with some of you I do think it's beyond our capacity, to have somebody you know managing this like constantly, but I've not done this before, and I'm trying to find out again, they just signed an agreement with CPRA..."

Chris Gilmore interrupting stated, "Actually they haven't signed it yet."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Oh, you'll haven't signed it."

Chris Gilmore stated, "We have not signed it yet. We have received the draft, but it has not yet been signed."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Which is that's still alienating people's responsibilities. So until that document's signed and we know like what the non-federal sponsors are responsible and what they're, that's going to dictate to us what we need to be participating in. And that document was being drafted and now they have it and haven't signed it, and that's going to say like, cuz we're going to be on the non-federal side. So we'll be working with CPRA and the Levee District whereas there the things on the non-federal side might be things we can participate in as well. I know many times we've talked about it and I shared this with you, you know obviously it's a lot of dirt, okay it's a lot of trucks it's a lot of dirt. There's also a lot of components to a levee project that might involve people or some of our folks that aren't in the trucking business. So my goal would be to try as much as possible to get you know as many types of service providers if we have them to be participants even though the trucking the dirt is the largest portion, it's not the only portion. And at this point because the agreements not clear yet as to whose going to be doing what, I'm not clear yet necessarily on what we need to what exact scope we need to draft to be to best protect us. Now keep in mind they work for the Corp, we're trying to get somebody to look out for our best interest, not that we don't trust them but we do you know 18 miles is in our parish, \$50 million dollars is our money. So we have an investment to make in this and we work really hard for this project and we want to make sure that not only that it's built and built on time, but that our residents and people who are paying the taxes into it get some benefit, some economic benefit as well."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay thank you."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes Chris, I just want to thank you for coming tonight and sharing this with my colleagues here, a lot of them can't get a chance to go to the meetings. I've sat in on a number of meetings with your group, I know this is a high priority project for everybody in this room, especially in St. John Parish and the surrounding parishes, and I would hope we can get the dialog like Mr. Perrilloux brought up and Ms. Robottom mentioned us having someone at the table with the planning stage and not just getting an update on the project as a whole. Now you did say something about the contractors would be invited to the monthly meetings you have and that's a little bit contradicting from..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "No he didn't say that."

Chris Gilmore stated, "No I don't think I said that."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "He didn't say that."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Oh you didn't say that! You said they cannot come?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "They cannot."

Chris Gilmore stated, "Yeah right now we don't have..."

Councilman Sorapuru interrupting stated, "'Okay I thought you said they can come. Alright I apologize okay."

Natalie Robottom stated, "There were three (3) separate meetings, there's a regular meeting that we're all invited to a Stakeholders at the Levee District (that's a private meeting), there was a public meeting held in Baton Rouge in which was Industry Day (to bring in contractors), the Mayor in Gramercy hosted a public meeting for their residents and they attended and what Chris said, they anticipate in having public meetings in other places, and when they do they'll schedule that. But those that we're getting invitations to are not public meetings."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Okay."

Chris Gilmore stated, "And when we schedule the public meetings here in the Parish, anybody is allowed to come. So if there's contractors that want to come, I would encourage them to come."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Okay and I did have a conversation at the Corps office in New Orleans with the Training Department, Mrs. Woods, I think her name was. I met her at one of the conferences..."

Chris Gilmore interrupting stated, "Oh okay yes."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And she mentioned there is..."

Chris Gilmore interrupting stated, "South Business Association."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "A component for small businesses to get some training, I think Ms. Robottom did highlight some of that in our conversations when this came on board. And we hope that you can assist us to make sure that

we're on track and getting involved with that training with your knowledge and experience of moving on."

Chris Gilmore stated, *"Absolutely. If we ever need to bring somebody from our small business to a meeting. Let me, I will be glad to do that."*

Councilman Sorapuru stated, *"And will be looking to expedite that as soon as possible. Thank you very much!"*

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - November 8th, 2018, Special Meeting; Approval of Minutes - November 13th, 2018, Regular Meeting; Robert Figuero - Monthly Financial Report (October)

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - November 8th, 2018, Special Meeting; Approval of Minutes - November 13th, 2018, Regular Meeting; Robert Figuero - Monthly Financial Report (October). The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

18-36 (Public Hearing Held) (Carry Over 11-13-18) An ordinance naming the Baseball Complex located in the Juan Anthony Park in Edgard - the "DeVante Smith Baseball Complex" (K. Becnel)

The above item will be carried over to the next meeting.

18-37 (Public Hearing Held) (Carry Over 11-13-18) An ordinance naming the Airnasium located in the Juan Anthony Park in Edgard - the "Raeaneka Small Airnasium" (K. Becnel)

The above item will be carried over to the next meeting.

18-43 (Public Hearing Held) (Tabled 11-13-18) An ordinance introducing the annual operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Capital Projects Funds for the fiscal year Beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019 (N. Robottom)
The above item will remain Tabled.

18-44 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the extension of Conditional Planned Unit Development (PUD) Approval for an additional twelve (12)months, as per SJB Code Sec. 113-289, including the re-subdivision of an undesignated portion of Glencoe Plantation into Lots D-1 and D-2, Glencoe Plantation and the rezoning from the Residential District One (R-1) to the PUD zoning district, being a portion of the area commonly referred to as the Garyville Parish Housing Authority (PHA) site, located in the area generally bounded by South Fig Street, Museum Street, Anthony F. Monica Street, and Historic Main Street, Garyville, LA as shown in the survey drawn by John W. Starring, PLS on November 14, 2017 and as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-17-1081) (N. Robottom)

Rene Pastorek stated, *"Conditional PUD Approval was granted in December of 2017 and this extension allows the developer to continue construction based on the approved plans. According to the developer, the project is scheduled to be completed in July of 2019."*

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I just wanted to say, this is not an extension of what's going on, this is just renewing that construction permit of what was approved in the past."

Rene Pastorek stated, "Right, so the extension refers to the original conditional approval for the site that is currently under construction. There is no change the development has approved. The extension is required because the PUD zoning district, is unique and it has to follow the same approval process as the subdivision process. So the conditional approval is for one (1) year to kind of hold peoples feet to the fire to make sure it's constructed as approved, and this is just an extension to make sure it's hold it until it's complete."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I think that's what everyone wanted to make sure there's nothing changed."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Nothings change, it's the same project."

Councilman Madere stated, "Same thing. Same thing to the T!"

Rene Pastorek stated, "The units are the same, the developer has to do complete construction in accordance to the plans that were approved."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right!"

Rene Pastorek stated, "And this will come to you after final approval once that's been inspected."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And this ah, the timeline they're shooting for July, but the project needs to be completed by September of 2019."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Funds need to be expended."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, I think the community just wanted to make sure there was no changes or anything added and everything the same."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yes please, I didn't hear you I'm sorry. Clarification on what you said."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually the contractor had said July of 2019 to be completed, this project was funded with a portion of the Community Development Block Grant Funds that must be expended by September of 2019."

Councilman Malik stated, "Must be expended!"

Natalie Robottom stated, "They have to finish their project by September of 2019."

Councilman Madere stated, "Or they don't get the money."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I know Mr. Monica is waiting to speak."

Natalie Robottom asked, "Do we have a motion of the floor?"

Jackie Landeche stated, "No we don't."

Natalie Robottom asked, "For discussion, do we need one?"

Councilman Madere stated, "No we don't have a motion."

Natalie Robottom asked, "Even for discussion?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "We should have a motion on the floor to approve that item for discussion not necessarily to vote, but you should have a live motion on the floor."

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to discuss Ordinance 18-44. The motion passed unanimously.

Carl Monica stated, "425 Historic Main, Garyville, LA. I'm sure all of you here heard me several times over the last few years about this, and you're probably tired hearing but we're tired of being run up on. I want and behalf of our organization, our group of people that we have in Garyville. We signed a petition, everybody in Garyville are pretty much against this project, the concerned citizens of Garyville, I want to say that there's a tremendous lack of transparency with this project. I want to begin by presenting three (3) news articles, first the news article that recently happened; the shooting in Garyville, where the man was shot up almost in half, okay, just a few blocks from where this project is going is go, okay..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Mr. Monica, hold on Mr. Monica, okay, you have to stick on the topic. That article right there, okay a shooting..."

Carl Monica interrupting stated, "I will I'm going, I'm making that point..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I understand what point you're trying to make, but you have to stick on to the agenda concern, that project, not concern the shooting that happen in that area."

Carl Monica stated, "Cuz this is why we were against this project..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I understand what you're saying, but there's certain rules that have to be followed at the Council meeting. Okay I've done that in the past. Okay you can talk about the project but you cannot talk about that shooting."

Carl Monica stated, "It's related to that. [CROSSTALK] I'm surprised to see that you got Columbia, have you all looked at this budget that you have, you've been talking numbers all night tonight okay. Have you looked at the budget have you looked at what they're going to do? Alright, here you have a shooting and a murder and then you have no surveillance cameras in this project, as you all approved. Now, they also have no playground, this right here right in the same items that I took this from. And if I'm not mistaken if I'm not mistaken, you got like \$346,523 for overseeing (it says fee). I'm assuming that that is Columbia's fee, I'm not sure if it is or not. This is 16 units I'm sorry 22 units, \$16,000 per unit, you talk numbers tonight think about that. You need to investigate this, I'm not given much time here and they promise to do a lot of things on what they're were going to do on this whole, they promise to do a lot of things but they're not doing it. Tear the old house down immediately, I want to give you your own business that you had back in October 12th, 2015. Councilman Snyder asked, Mrs. Henderson you said you were going to tear down the whole complex. Trina Henderson stated, that's what we're proposing. Councilman Snyder again

said, the whole complex? Ms. Trina Henderson said, yes we are. I appreciate you asking for that Mr. Snyder. That's in your own minutes. Now, go out there and you're going to see this atrocity (this thing they call like a gulag type building still standing. It's all going to be knocked down, its part of the things that we agreed to at that meeting (you'll agreed to in 2015) it's not being done. So there's several things we'd like for you to do: We want you this Council-to please stop at twenty-two (22). Twenty-two (22) is all that we want, we don't want any more than that. We've been that's been pushed on and stop at twenty-two (22). Put the other ones somewhere else. Knock the gulag knock the old house down the Row House down entirely, we don't want that standing anymore, form a committee to look into this thing more carefully and see/meet with us - give us a chance to talk to you. Come and see what our concerns are, don't just automatically turn us off, it's very bad for our community, our historic district, all this is wrong it's wrong it's wrong! And wish I had a lot more time because I have a lot more data but I need you, now another thing to that that Columbia says that this is going to be the best example what a mixed income housing should be. This comes from the New Orleans paper. This is no mixed housing, they promised us mixed housing and people of all income levels they said Marathon would stay there, that's not going to happen not at this location. The former development that was there destroyed this location. My father used to have a business place not very far from this, I was a kid, it was a nice area, but the first housing project destroyed it. Go take a ride, I got pictures right here, go take a ride and think you're going to have two places two cars can't pass, you got next to the railroad track, there's one thing after another after another for putting it in this location. It's wrong! You have to investigate this further. And that's all I'm going to say. Thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I have a comment. Not so much for you Mr. Monica but I want to ask a question about something you said. Because I do remember the discussion about the Row Houses and we asked and I believe I asked Ms. Trina. Is that something that's still going to be done at the completion of the project or what is the status?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "The initial report was that they were going to attempt to renovate that space, but it's my understanding that the decision is to tear it down."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay. Do we know, is it and I guess going to be torn down..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And I would just like to clarify, this is not a St. John the Baptist Parish Government Project, so with..."

Carl Monica interrupting stated, "But you authorized that..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "No we did not authorize the project, we provided the funding. We allocated three or five million dollars to the Housing Authority out of the CDBG Funding, as a result of damages they sustained for Hurricane Isaac. With regard to selection of their contractor, design of their facility, yes we've reviewed it, I've asked Trina to provide us updates (written updates) on the project, but that project is not being run by St. John Parish. It's a Housing Authority Project, their Board votes and manages and monitors..."

Carl Monica interrupting stated, "It's a very troubled Housing Project Authority..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And it may be, but again these people up here did not vote, approve, design this building and they're not managing the construction or the construction management contract with Columbia. I just wanted to make that clear for the record. However it is my understanding they're going to tear down that Row Building, they are working on construction of the building for which they were granted approval knowing they're under a timeline to get that building constructed and completed by September. So what's not in there timeline is tearing down the Row Building so it's my understanding their focus is on trying not to lose the funding that's been allocated for this project to get it completed within the timeframe that they were given."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you. Jackie just as a request, can you email Trina and ask her to put something in writing as to when that Row Building is going to be torn down and if you need to you can reference those minutes from October 12th, 2015. And pass that along for me."

Jackie Landeche stated, "Yes ma'am."

Councilman Madere asked, "Rene, can you come back up to the mic? Okay I just want you to elaborate on what Ms. Robottom said, and I think most people I think here understand sort of, it's similar to that levee project. Okay it's Federal, that housing that's being done in Garyville is all Federal money plus the money that was given to them from Administration that was part of the hurricane that that came through that it was required to give to them. So no additional money is coming from the parish for that particular project. Just want to make sure that's explained carefully to everyone."

Rene Pastorek stated, "Well and not that I'm aware of the Planning & Zoning Department reviews and put forth plans for projects like this regardless of the developer or the way it's financed. You know this protocol is not because it's a Federal project, I think the Parish President can speak to maybe more of what the parish contribution has been. But we don't review or put forth plans with respect to how it's financed or who's the developer, and I would like to point out with respect to Row House, this portion of the project is the four (4) buildings directly abutting Anthony F. Monica, the rest of the project is additional phases that what are additionally would have to come to the Council for approval and any changes to those plans would have to be approved by you all."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Just to clear up, there's no Parish funding that went toward this project. This was all part of the Thirty-two Million Dollar, CDBG Block Grant that was allocated to St. John following Hurricane Isaac, the majority of which needed to go toward housing because that's what was damaged the most from Hurricane Isaac. Those funds were, they're sub-recipients, there were two sets of funding that this Council awarded, portion to the School Board to replace school buses that were damaged during Hurricane Isaac, they controlled those dollars, did what they needed to do with them. The second sub-recipient is going to the Housing Authority and they are managing this project. So yes the funding came through the Parish, but we are not responsible for managing those dollars. However it was specific to this project, it wasn't just-here's some money go do whatever you want it was specific to the redevelopment of this particular section which had from my understanding numerous vacancies it was run down it needed to be torn down. I understand Mr. Monica's concern, however, this property is owned by the Housing Authority, it's not owned by the Parish it is theirs, because they didn't have enough funding to do what they wanted to, they didn't have enough money to go out and buy or solicit some additional property. So they used the property that they owned and the dollars that they had to make

improvements to the site."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I just wanted to add one thing. We talked about Columbia, but Columbia pulled out when it wasn't a large project any longer. They're not in the middle of this are they?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "No Columbia is still the Project Manager and point of contact on this."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I know they were planning a huge project and then they...okay cause I thought they had pulled out totally but it's just partially then. Okay, cause they were protecting, they were planning such a huge project that they had thought they were going to manage that. Ok!"

Councilman Snyder asked, "When did the plan change not to tear that building down? Does anybody know? Did they contact us? Cuz when they came here, they did tell us they were going to tear the whole thing down."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And I think that's still the plan. That's still the plan."

[CROSSTALK]

Councilman Madere stated, "I don't think the plan ever changed. They just didn't tear it down initially."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Even though its phases/there phases was to additional like because they didn't have enough money to do all of what they had planned, they did Phase I which was this section. But if they're to do anything else, they would have to tear that down, I mean you know that would be space they would have to utilize for any other additional..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "Do something else?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Like add more housing. Like they didn't have enough to add more..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "I'm talking not even adding more housing."

Councilman Madere stated, "Just tear that down."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Just tear it down."

Rene Pastorek stated, "My point was just that the conditional approval didn't did not include Row Building demolition. A demolition permit can be pulled at any time by any property owner, you know with certain requirements if it's in a Historic District or something. But, this conditional improvement extension is specific to the four (4) buildings that were previously approved. Any additional development has to have approval. But again, they can demolish that any time."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I do understand that I do understand that! But I'm talking about before you got here they came to us and asked us about this, and our thoughts at the time is that going to tear everything down and rebuild, okay? But then later on they came back and said, well we looking at I think they might save the Row Building, okay, and that's why I'm asking."

Natalie Robottom stated, "They can't they couldn't. Like they did an inspection they thought they could do something with the roofing and they are coming down."

Councilman Snyder stated, "So it will come down!"

Councilman Madere stated, "Well what we can do is find out from her about if they definitely going tear it down. We just don't know, it's just like you say they can come anytime to get a permit to tear it down. The key thing is not necessarily when they're going tear it down the definite thing is they're going to tear it down, that's what they want to know, that's it's going to be removed. Okay and then we can find that out, you know and she may have a timeline but we'll find out when we contact her."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 18-44. The motion passed with Councilwoman Remonet abstaining.

18-45 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending ordinance 18-30 relative to the annual operating budgets for St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Capital Project Funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 (N. Robottom)

Robert Figuero stated, "These amendments reflect changes to estimated revenues, expenditures and interfund transfers for 2018. An explanation of the amendments was emailed to the Council last week. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 18-45. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I would like to make a motion to accept the minutes from the finance committee meeting."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilwoman Remonet seconded the motion to accept the finance committee. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Lennix Madere - Update on drainage and road repair in District III

Verdell Kindrick stated, "The sinkholes in question were addressed by the Contractor last week and extra dirt was provided in the event it is needed."

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Verdell I heard that information during the week. I just hadn't had a chance to get out there and check those sinkholes myself, cuz I know exactly where the ones are that you know we told him had to be fixed. But I'm still going to do a walk through myself down each one of those streets to make sure there's no additional sinkholes. Because as I was informed as of December 12th, they no longer would be responsible for any problems we

would have with that particular project. Okay unless we would have to take them to court. Okay but I just want to make sure those sinkholes are not recurring issue, cuz those holes have been repaired three (3) additional times and each time they was repaired they came back. So that's why I want to make sure they get out this contract that whatever they have to do they have to come back and address it. Okay and I also spoke to Daron where I have an individual and he made this complaint earlier about his property. I think we addressed a couple individuals who have concerns about the dirt, okay and this guy was one of them and they haven't addressed that problem. They went there with a couple of buckets of sand and that's not what he's asking for, he asking for his front lawn, which is not that big to be replaced with the dirt. Okay and that was a request that was several, several months ago, okay and they have never addressed that. Okay we may have to ask them about that, okay and then when the guy, when he called me he said the guy was out in his yard with four (4) buckets of dirt. And I told him don't tell him anything let him do what he have to do and then we'll look at it and see. You know so, I'll have to go back out there and take a look at it and see if he's satisfied but the conversation I had he wasn't, you know. He didn't want that pump sand for his top soil."

Verdell Kindrick stated, "Councilman Madere, tomorrow we'll go out there tomorrow. Contact me, and I would like to come out there and walk with you."

Councilman Madere stated "Okay thank you. No problem. And the road list I think Ms. LaVerne, you received my list huh?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes sir I did."

Lennix Madere/Larry Snyder - Update on Utilities, operational and safety issues at all Waste Water plants - path moving forward

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Larry Sorapuru/Gary Watson - Community remarks on Plantation Country

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes Mr. Watson has been working as a Consultant in New Orleans for a number of years and we had a conversation over the past several months on how we are being perceived here in the River Parish area. And we have 200,000 tourist come into our Parish and I think he has some things that he would like to share with the Council and Administration."

Gary Watson was present to talk about the River Parish Tourism Commission. To view Community remarks on Plantation Country, please visit the parish website at www.sjbparish.com.

Julia Remondet - Sewer concerns/backflow District II

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Lennix Madere - Animal Shelter Concerns

Travis Perrilloux stated, "Minor renovations were made to the shelter including fresh paint, sheetrock repairs, expansion of the intake room and a designated laundry room. The fence, grass, and dumpster concerns will be addressed by the Public Works Department within the next two weeks, weather permitting."

Larry Snyder - Update on meters requisition and state loan

Natalie Robottom stated, "The loan application and project specifications have been completed and ready for submission since March. The only outstanding item is a Site Certificate signed by an attorney. For 8 months Administrative staff have dealt with delays from the DA's office regarding the Site Certificate. Staff and consultants participated in meetings, calls to DEQ, provided written explanations, and responded to excessive requests for information. Upon their recommendation, Ordinance 18-27 was adopted to clarify the parish's "Right of Entry" for installing, repairing or removing water meters. This right already existed. The DA has not signed the Site Certificate citing the need to sign a "Statement of Understanding" which DEQ has indicated is not necessary, signed or otherwise. The statement was requested by the DA as a synopsis of the previously requested project specifications. Resolution 18-04 authorized the Parish President to sign all documents related to the meter project, including the full application which is more expansive than the one-page statement. This has been done and no other documents or approvals are needed except the Site Certificate. Ongoing delays are jeopardizing the low interest loan which is why Carl Butler, as the attorney of record for the Cape Horn case, has reviewed and agreed to sign the Site Certificate. According to DEQ representatives, ANY attorney can sign the Site Certificate. Project specifications are approved and ready to advertise once the Site Certificate is signed and a loan closing date is scheduled."

Keith Green, Jr., DA's Office stated, "Since August 27, 2018, the District Attorney's Office has been waiting for Parish President Robottom/St. John the Baptist Parish Administration to place the Statement of Appreciation and Understanding for the St. John the Baptist Parish Water Meter Leak Detection System Upgrades Project on the Council's agenda for public comment and Council consideration. If so considered and so desired by the Council, a motion directing the Parish President to execute the Statement of Appreciation and Understanding for the St. John the Baptist Parish Water Meter Leak Detection System Upgrades Project is imperative for formal signature by the District Attorney of the Site Certificate and Statement of Appreciation and Understanding for the St. John the Baptist Parish Water Meter Leak Detection System Upgrades Project. Further, the District Attorney's Office sent the following e-mails and documents relative to this project: 1) August 27, 2018 - First Request; 2) October 10, 2018 - Second Request; 3) October 11, 2018 - Third Request; 4) Statement of Appreciation and Understanding for the St. John the Baptist Parish Water Meter Leak Detection System Upgrades Project prepared by Rob J. Delaune, Jr., P.E., Vice-President of Digital Engineering.

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay so what's the Statement of Understanding and Appreciation actually do?"

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "Thank you."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That I understand the project."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Huh!"

Natalie Robottom stated, "That I understand the project."

Councilman Snyder asked, "That's all that is Mr. Green?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "And again as I share..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "Does she understand the project? That's what that mean?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "That I've initiated. Right!"

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "Understanding and..."

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "That the Council and the public, Administration, and the District Attorney's Office, all have an understanding of what this project is and what this project does."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay, do you understand the project Mrs. Robottom?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "My signature on the application. Now again like I explained to them was the initial Resolution for the project, you authorized me to sign every document associated with this project. So what I sent back to them was not required, that's why I didn't bring it before you because you had already authorized signature of any required document. This is not a required document, I understood the project. I didn't need Digital to write me a synopsis explaining the project to me. The person that requested the explanation may have wanted to sign the document before signing the Site Certificate, but I didn't need the project explained to me because it's my project. DEQ has repeated said, that it's not a requirement, they don't need that document signed or not, they want the signed Site Certificate. Now we do have an attorney here that's willing to sign it, if you guys want to move forward with submitting our application."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So what a Site Certificate actually..."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It says we have the right to go on property and repair or replace those meters. That we're already doing right now. And what we have done forever! So again, eight months of Mr. Kurt, stall and delay."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh okay."

Natalie Robottom stated, "But we're ready to move forward. (Is our attorney still here?)"

Councilman Snyder asked, "So do..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "If you'll direct him we can have this signed tonight and submit it tomorrow."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah right! If we do that. Do you have that form that - how many pages is this form? Understanding and Appreciation."

Natalie Robottom stated, "A paragraph."

Councilman Snyder asked, "A paragraph?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Again, I signed a document with expressing my Understanding, it's a pay."

Councilman Snyder asked, "I asked you, what about this Understanding and Appreciation? That's a document saying I understand the whole project and you bring it to us..."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right! For the person who needs to sign the..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "We'll approve it..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "You'll don't need to approve that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well it look like what the District Attorney is holding us up on."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay well again, any Attorney can sign it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Any attorney can sign the Site Certificate."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That's right and that's all we need signed. The only document that we're waiting for is the Site Certificate. DEQ specifically said we don't want this. We don't need this that's not part of our process. We just need the Site Certificate, you can write it however it makes you comfortable to sign it, just get it back to us."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well uh, tell me this Mr. Green. If we on and then direct our District Attorney to sign it without that Understanding and Appreciation, would that put us in some kind of liability or put the District Attorney in some kind of liability?"

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "The thing about the Understanding and Appreciation was for all parties. So that everyone understood exactly what the project was about."

Natalie Robottom stated, "You'll approved the project."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well we know, I know we know what the project is."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "But I'm just wondering why we haven't got to that point yet whereas it come to us for the site..."

Councilman Madere interrupting asked, "You just need it in writing?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "In Appreciation?"

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "The District Attorney was requesting that the Administration provide you all with that Statement of Appreciation and Understanding that you all direct her, the Administration of the Parish President to execute that Statement, the District Attorney would execute that Statement once it's executed by the Parish President, as well as the Site Certificate."

Councilman Madere asked, "So it's just a matter of Statement from the Parish President?"

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "Yes sir. And the District Attorney will sign the Site Certificate. That's been since August 27th of this year."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That is useless."

Councilman Snyder asked, "How long it's going to take?"

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "Once the Parish President executes it..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Somebody can sign it tonight."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So we got to come back to another meeting?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No you don't. All you have to do sign the certificate."

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "Once the Parish President executes the Statement..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Wait, wait hold on. Wait, wait Mr. Malik, hold on Mr. Green. Wait a minute Ms. Robottom, Mr. Malik is right. Okay he can't hear what's going on so I know the people can't understand. So, hold on, I'm going to recognize okay! Mr. Snyder asked a question, and who you asked the question to Mr. Snyder?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right, I asked a question to Mr. Green. How long will this take?"

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "You can sign it tonight."

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "Once the directs the Parish President to execute the Statement of Appreciation, then once that's executed the District Attorney will sign the Site Certificate as well as that Statement. So we can get this done tomorrow."

Councilman Snyder asked, "We can get it done tomorrow?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "You could actually get it done tonight!"

Councilman Snyder asked, "You going sign it tonight?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I don't have to sign anything..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "No, that's not what I'm asking."

Natalie Robottom stated, "The only document missing is the Site Certificate..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "That's not what I'm asking."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And that can be signed tonight."

Councilman Snyder asked, "I mean if it's going hurt anything to sign it tonight?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Mr. Snyder, yawl authorize signature for everything. Again, this is an indication that you don't understand the project, I don't understand the project we've only been working on the project for two (2) years. The only people that didn't understand the project that required us to keep sending them stuff was the District Attorney's office. Who wasn't required to understand the project, all they were requested to do was sign a Site Certificate. Again, we amended Ordinances, passed Resolutions, sent documents, changed things, all to come back and say; any Attorney can sign the Site Certificate."

Councilman Snyder stated, "So you're telling me we've been holding this project up all this time..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "For a Site Certificate!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "For one Site Certificate, not the Site Certificate..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Yeah that's it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well that's what's holding it up. The project up."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "But what's holding the Site Certificate up?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "The District Attorney's Office."

Councilman Snyder stated, "The District Attorney's Office, because you and the District Attorney's Office can't come together on this..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Because initially they didn't understand the project."

Councilman Snyder stated, "It's Understanding and Appreciation."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I understand the project."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, let me just try to put an end to this stuff..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Please."

Councilman Madere stated, "The bottom line like Mr. Snyder said, it's a, I don't know if it's a miss understanding or just a down right dislike for each other, okay! But if a Statement was sent by the District Attorney, just saying write a statement so that you understand, the council understand, give it back to them and they'll sign it. Okay, that's what this is all about-a piece of paper..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "The initial piece of paper."

Councilman Madere stated, "Initial piece of paper where the DA saying; if you give me a statement that you understand it, and if the council understand it and they send it submit to me, I'll sign it. All this'll be over with. Okay so once again, we splitting has about he said, she say, I don't want to do it, I don't think I need to do it, you understand? While somebody just need to do it. Okay so, maybe we need to make a motion that we just instruct administration to write that statement and tomorrow..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "The Statement is already written."

Councilman Madere stated, "Uh let me finish. The Statement already, then get it to her. The Statement saying that you understand and that the council understand what it is that we want, submit it to the DA, and they say they'll sign it and it's done tomorrow. Okay it don't take long, you have his secretary or anybody type that statement up and send it to the DA office, okay and that you understand it, we understand it, everybody understand it and we don't need to stall and delay no more, send it to them they sign it the project moves on. Okay cuz we nick picking about a lot of lil things."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We are. And I think part of the problem is, there's a misunderstanding of who works for who, okay and that appears to be the problem. This is ongoing of eight (8) months of you could of signed this, asking for documents you clearly didn't understand, once you got them you couldn't we had to have the consultants spend time, my staff spent time trying to explain a project to you that was not your role in the project. It was to sign the Site

Certificate, explaining that we have authorization to go on to properties and change meters. That is the full understanding. We do that now, we read meters now we replace meters now. Again, we made changes to the Ordinance, brought it before you in October, at that time there was no request, no need for a Certificate of Understanding, cuz you would have imagined that would have been brought to you at the same time. So again, it's just one more thing each time a response is provided that meets their needs there's always something else. So at this point an appropriate motion would be - sign the Site Certificate, and if you don't want to, let direct Mr. Butler, who is handling our meter project lawsuit now, to sign the Certificate and we can turn it in tonight."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay just going make one more comment and this is my comment you understand, anybody else can make a comment about it. Okay, once again I think everyone need to understand they position okay, the Council is the Governing Body, Administration doing the day to day operation, and the DA works for the Council. Okay and the DA job is to make sure that we don't enter any type of agreement with anything that's not legal. Okay and many times we approve things based on them reviewing it. Well, my intention is all the things should be reviewed before they ever put on the Council for us to even look at. So we shouldn't be approving things based on them reviewing it, it should be reviewed then placed on the agenda. Now, if they told, they work for us. If they told us that they need that statement, okay from you..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting comments was not audible.

Councilman Madere stated, "[Let me finish] If they tell us that they need that statement from you okay, the governing body do have the authority to instruct that you write that statement. Okay, write that statement, give it to them, sign it and we move on."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think you're confused Mr. Madere. It's not about writing a statement. They requested a statement from Digital Engineering on Digital letterhead..."

Councilman Madere asked, "Did Digital gave it to them?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes, to help them understand the project, okay? We all understood the project, okay, there was not a request from me to explain my own project to me. And even if you receive the explanation, there wasn't a requirement to sign it. The only requirement was to sign the Site Certificate. And I suggested if you want to attach that to your signature on the Site Certificate, saying you understand the project-attach it! But you guys, we've only been talking about this for months. The full application, the full set of specs was signed by me under your authority. So again, the only requirement was a signed Site Certificate by any Attorney, and we have been going back and forth explaining, sending specs, changing words, altering things, all to get back to just sign the Site Certificate. And that's where we are."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well this is up to the Council."

Councilman Sorapura stated, "I'm trying to get a handle on which side the ship is going to be flowing on right now, because I'm totally confused. Ms. Robottom, you have the document with you tonight, signed with your signature?"

Councilman Snyder asked, "That's it right there?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No my signa...yeah, no. We have, the document is a Document of Appreciation of Understanding..."

Councilman Snyder asked, "No the Site Certificate!"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "The Site Certificate!"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yeah! Ya'll have the Site Certificate? I think I have one here. I do. I actually have it."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Okay, she have the document right here. Mr. Green can you execute your signature on that on behalf of the DA's Office?"

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "No sir. [Comment Inaudible]"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Ask Mr. Butler."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Mr. Butler can sign."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That they work for yawl!"

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "So we're talking about two different documents right now?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We need one document signed and submitted to..."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "This a Statement of Appreciation and Understanding?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We need the Site Certificate signed. I'm not signing it."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "You don't want to sign it Ms. Robottom?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I don't. Yes I explained to them that it wasn't necessary to sign that. We have a Site Certificate right here! This is what we're asking them to sign, right here! The documents submitted by DEQ that says..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Our responsibility it to the people of this Parish. Okay! Not the District Attorney, not Ms. Robottom or the Parish President. Our responsibility is to the people of this parish. Now what do you think is best for the people of this parish? Just like that, what do you think is best for your family? You know what I think is best! Let's get this thing out the way, let's get these water meters in the ground, I'm tired getting calls. I make a motion: Mr. Butler sign this Site Certificate and let's move on."

Councilman Madere stated, "Hand me that paper right there, before wait a minute."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Done!"

Councilman Madere stated, "I need that document Larry. Hold on Ms. Robottom, you can't get that paper to him because no one authorized him to sign it yet."

Jackie Landeche, Council Secretary stated, "All he did was make a motion."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's just a motion."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, I'd like to see that paper. I'd like to see it. Pass it, pass it."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It's the DEQ Site Certificate."

Councilman Madere stated, "Pass it pass it pass it! Now listen up, pass that paper back over here."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "We got a motion on the floor Chairman."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well hold on. Look, let me tell you something. I just want to explain something before we pass this motion. Okay you have two documentations, one from the DA that's required the signature of the Parish President right there and they'll sign it tomorrow. And then you have a paper the DA, that the Parish President have that she say is sufficient for the Site Signature and she want this Attorney to sign it over here. So let me finish Robottom. Now try not to interrupt anybody else. Okay so what you have here, on display at this meeting for the residents to look at is two individuals battling over who will sign what piece of paper. And that's a shame..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "It is!"

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, that's a shame! You want to sign this without the DA's approval, the DA say right here your name signature they sign it. Okay so it's just a matter of the pride between two individuals, no one want to back down. And the people caught in the middle is the citizens of St. John the Baptist Parish. Now this paper can be signed by you tonight..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And so can [Comment Inaudible]"

Councilman Madere stated, "And is done by the DA. But you refused to sign it because you want this Attorney to sign this one. Okay, that does not look good for the Parish, you don't even need a motion to have this paper signed. All you have to do is sign this one and it's done! It's a done deal."

Natalie Robottom stated, "But I didn't ask for a motion."

Councilman Madere stated, "No! Mr. Snyder asked for the motion..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "The District Attorney's office wanted you guys..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "But the simple solution without a motion is sign this document and let the DA sign it and we move forward."

Natalie Robottom stated, "But he's asking you for a motion."

Councilman Madere stated, "No..."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right!"

Councilman Madere stated, "He's asking for a signature."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I know but he asked you guys to make a motion. He asked you guys to..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "A motion to order you to sign it but we shouldn't have to order you to sign it."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And explaining that you understand it."

Councilman Madere stated, "We should have to order you to sign it."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Again, that Site Certificate was sent in March, okay ..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Everyone understand. Pass that down over there."

Natalie Robottom stated, "They've been having that Site Certificate since March..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I understand that, but it can end tonight."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And again, in every attempt to make them understand the project, was made. And even once that was done, it's like okay one more hoop, okay it's not a requirement. Again, I'm requesting that we get this done tonight, Mr. Butler is in the audience. He offered to sign it and..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "And I'm requesting..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "He thinks it's in good faith in dealing with our current lawsuit to show that we're moving forward with our project. So my request is, to move forward with this tonight, have it signed, Rob is also here who can take it and submit it with our loan application and move forward with it."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Councilman Madere if I may."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Yes you may."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "On that document you may notice that it says for the Parish President as well as the DA to sign that document on Digital's letterhead. I guess the question is; why would you have the Parish President and the DA to sign a document for a company's letterhead? It's not the Parish letterhead."

Councilman Madere stated, "All I know is a signature and it's a problem..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "But the DA is asking the Parish President as well as the DA, to sign a document, a legal document on a company's letterhead. Not the Parish letterhead, it specifically states Digital Engineering. For the both of them to sign, so why? Why, why..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "We sign contracts that don't have the parish thing on it before."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well it says right there Councilman. You can look at it, it says..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Look...every contract that we sign does not have the Parish head on the top of it. Okay, not every contract okay? Not

every contract. Okay so that's...

LaVerne Toombs stated, "But the question here is Councilman..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Look, look, wait, wait a minute, wait a minute. We just got to...hold on. What I'm trying to do is stop all this nick picking about lil things about topic and paper..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "We're giving you the option tonight to move forward."

Councilman Madere stated, "All I know is the citizens need a signature on that paper by the Parish President and they're gone."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "By an Attorney, by an Attorney. The only required document..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Now it's up to this Council to make a decision on what yawl want to do."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I made my decision."

Councilman Becnel stated, "I'm going to second it because you know for the simple reason to avoid stalling and delaying, we really need to just, if Mr. Butler can sign it, let him sign it and let him move forward please, thank you. So I'll second it."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, we got a motion and a second. Okay anymore questions about that motion? Use your lights, cut mines off. You want yes on yours?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Thank yawl."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion for Attorney Carl Butler to sign the Site Certificate for the water meter project. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 1 against (Madere) and 2 absent (Hotard and Perrilloux).

Larry Snyder - Renewing of C.J. Savoie engineering firm contract

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right is do and I make a motion to renew it."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I second."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I don't think anybody's reviewed it. And I know it's not legally sufficient."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I reviewed the other one. Is it the same contract? If it's the same contract, I read it more than once."

Councilman Madere stated, "We have a motion and a second. Comments from the Council?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I have some comments."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, from the Council!"

Natalie Robottom asked, "Okay, do we get to comment?"

Councilman Madere stated, "No from the people in the audience. You want make a comment?"

Councilman Madere stated, "I do!"

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, go head."

Natalie Robottom asked, "We did receive a request to renew the contract. This was one of the contracts that was written by the firm, so clearly it does not meet the guidelines as we're currently following with legal with regard to protecting the parish and legal sufficiency, we know it doesn't because we've discussed it before. We do have some concerns, because we get 105 hours of service, for now a hundred and forty something thousand dollars in the Parish. The contract requires 105 hours a month, what we get is 8 hours in the Parish per week. At the time it isn't, you're right Mr. Snyder, it's a contract we've been seeing and renewing for years. However, our needs have changed, and this does not meet our needs. There's very little that's being provided for the money, in addition to the 9% for asphalt, so the contract that we're paying for 105 hours of work is \$260,000 a year. For that amount of money, we felt we could get somebody to give us more hours, provide more work, not just in water, but for Public Works, Rene ended up leaving but in Planning & Zoning the request that they're making are not being satisfied with regards that are being provided as well, and things have changed. So we wanted to complete a scope of work that meets our needs. And again we've discussed the timeframe, it's never changed to come at 3 o'clock when our personnel are gone, is of no benefit to us [Inaudible]. When I came in there were a number of projects underway and I thought it was vital that we had that historical and institutional knowledge. However, since that time we have said this current 105 hours a week, not being in the Parish but 8 hours a week doesn't meet our needs. Okay, it doesn't meet our needs and a lot of the work is not Engineering, it's consultations it's you know, it's things that yes we get some request done too but there's a lot more that we think needs to be done with an Engineering contract. Now what we wanted to do was do an RFQ and let them apply, but we want to change the Scope to meet our needs. Not what they want to provide. And again, things have changed, we do have a lot of projects Mr. Sorapuru but they're not involved in a lot of them. A lot of these projects are being managed by staff and project managers, not necessarily because they can't they're not here. And again, when we ask for a I guess evaluations we get things with not stamps that say I'm not really responsible for what I'm telling you, this is what I think but you know you can't hold me to it cuz I didn't put my PE stamp on it. And again that's not you know where I talked to - Rene ended up leaving but the basic review of the documents in Planning & Zoning are sending is not sufficient for what they're asking them to do. And because you know we are changing our processes and we are requiring more because we're doing more, we felt we needed more. They're welcome to apply, but we want to change the scope and put in what we need as a Parish. Because we have grown and we do have a lot of projects and we do have a lot of needs, but what we're doing is continuing the contract that was written in 1992, for the same number of hours and increased amount which we have repeatedly said doesn't meet our needs. Okay I understand Joseph comes in with they call him early, but on a regular basis they're not here during the day. They're not here during the day when our staff is here during the day. Well that's not helpful to us if you come in at 2 or 3 in the afternoon, and our staff have been at work all day. So again, we made that request to change the hours to at least have you come in that parish earlier, that didn't happen. What we know

is we need more than what we're getting, that 105 a month is not sufficient for the size. Again, from 1992 to now significant changes have made. So 105 back then might have been sufficient is not sufficient now."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Just one question. I know we kind of go through contracts a lot, rewriting things or whatever. I was just going to ask Mr. Green if we could just update the contract and in the wording and everything, I didn't see any whereas if this happens this you know we're protected. Just some phrases that protects the parish if things aren't done or some security measures. I don't mean it in a totally negative way, it's just a very outdated verbiage in the contract. If you could look that over."

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "Yeah, if the Administration changes any of the verbiage in the contract..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "Well I want you to give us some more stringent legal recourse on things. Cuz most contracts, I find we try and protect the Parish if something should happen or if this..."

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "We can definitely work with Administration on that, but we don't know what items or what things you're wanting to restrict."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "But no I mean if you read it, it's just very loosely termed."

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "But because we don't know what things specifically they're going to want to restrict, but if they can identify some things they want to restrict, then we'll work with them on that language. Absolutely!"

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Okay."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think this is basically saying it doesn't fit your template right now. It's not in our new template form, because it was old."

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "If you all identify what things you want to restrict, we'll work with you on that."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Okay thank you."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you. When does this contract expire?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "December."

Councilman Wright stated, "December 31st? So here we are on November 27th, this contract expires December 31st and it took Mr. Snyder to put this on the agenda for Administration to say that they're going to put an RFQ because they're not satisfied with the current services, that's unacceptable."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We were actually waiting for a Scope of Work that um..."

Councilman Wright interrupting stated, "No, no you weren't! You were waiting for Mr. Snyder..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "No, we actually requested a Scope of Work..."

Councilman Wright interrupting stated, "Mr. Snyder put it on the agenda and you ceased the opportunity. Ms. Robottom, I have the floor, you'll be allowed to speak after. We have two (2) meetings left before the end of the year, and his contract expires 12/31? Actually, I have no problem renewing this contract tonight if we can put a clause contingent upon legal review, because I do appreciate the work that Mr. Savoie does. I just think it's unacceptable that here we are the end of November with two (2) meetings left, we're just now finding out that we're going to put out an RFQ for a contract that's expiring. Furthermore, if there are concerns, bring specific concerns to this Council from those individual departments just not blanket statements. But not a month before the contract expires. So, with that Mr. Snyder if you want to amend your motion to approve contingent upon legal review, I'm completely on board."

Jackie Landeche stated, "And they did send us a contract in..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Wait hold on, hold on..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Yeah yawl got one."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I do have a second on my motion but that was a good point, I'm sorry I've missed it in the first place. But I would like to amend my motion to add that we contingence on the legal review that we approve his contract."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well first you have to withdraw your original motion right?"

Jackie Landeche stated, "No he's just amending it."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to renew C.J. Savoie Consulting Engineers, Inc. pending legal review. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Perrilloux absent.

Larry Snyder - Water billing disparity and customer relations issues

Blake Fogleman stated, "The Billing Department continues to work with residents on all water bill issues. Approximately 90% of all bills are being read which results in higher than normal bills when going from estimates to actuals. The process for addressing these concerns is working but is individualized. Very few changes can be made to the outdated billing system, but new billing software is being developed for the new financial system which will be integrated with new meter technology."

Larry Snyder - New administration building access and security for all entities plans

Natalie Robottom stated, "Can we talk, there is an Executive Session item already on there Mr. Snyder, if you want to talk about security in privacy."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We can wait, yeah."

Jackie Landeche stated, "We don't have Legal here to go into Executive Session."

Councilman Snyder stated, "No, we don't have nobody here."

Natalie Robottom stated, "If you want to at some point, we kind of still working

through some of it, but I'd rather discuss it in Executive Session than our public hearing."

Councilman Snyder stated, "No problem."

There was no Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A.B. Houston vs E. J. Turley - Docket# C-72495 - to discuss litigation strategy

Roger Tassin v Matika White, et al, 40th JDC docket 72554, Div. B - to discuss litigation strategy

Kane County, Utah v. United States, Case No. 17-739C and 17-1991C

Parish Buildings - Security

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

18-46 An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lots 14 and 15 of the Sidney Leboeuf Tract into Lots 14A and 15A of the Sidney Leboeuf Tract, located in the area generally bounded by Duhe Dr., Hwy. 44, East 11th St., and East 10th St., containing municipal addresses 230 and 234 East 10th St., Reserve, LA, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on July 26, 2018, last revised on October 25, 2018. (PZS-18-1199) (N. Robottom)

18-47 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 15 and a portion of Lot 14 (proposed Lot 15A) of the Sidney Leboeuf Tract, located in the area generally bounded by Duhe Dr., Hwy. 44, East 11th St., and East 10th St., Reserve, LA, from the Residential District One [R-1] to the Residential District Three [R-3] zoning district, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached. (PZR-18-1119) (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good Evening, as we return from what I hope was a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday, this week Parish offices began to transition to the new Government Complex. Finance/Purchasing/Grants and Economic Development moved yesterday and the Parish President's Office, Council, Human Resources, Planning and Zoning, Code Enforcement and Utility Billing will move by the end of this week. The Planning and Zoning and Utility Billing Departments will operate with limited staff at the Service Center on Main Street through Thursday, November 29th accepting payments by check only. After Thursday, the Service Center on Main St. will be closed. Beginning on Monday, December 3rd, parish services will be offered in the new building. During the transition, (Friday, Nov 30) water bills can be paid online at sjbparish.com, by calling 1-877-884-4009, or in person at the Garyville Service Center, Greg's Supermarket, Capital One Bank Edgard and Club Grocery Edgard. We are adding a drop box for utility payments at the new complex, but in the interim customers are encouraged to use one of the previously referenced payment methods. All phone numbers and extensions will remain the same including the main phone line at 985-652-9569. At their request, the Assessors' Office and Registrar of Voters will remain in their current offices until after January 1st, 2019. We are working to make the transition as smooth as possible, however unforeseen circumstances may occur. Thank you in advance for your patience and we look forward to a fully-functioning

one-stop shop for parish services. The December 8th election is underway and early voting is taking place through Saturday, December 1 from 8:30 AM until 6:00 PM at the Registrar of Voters Offices at the Percy Hebert Building and Edgard Courthouse. The ballot includes runoff elections for Louisiana Secretary of State and the District 11 School Board seat. Also on the ballot is a proposal to rededicate part of the existing Health Unit millage for additional public health services. Renewed by parish voters in 2016, the millage is generating a slight surplus that is needed to help support mental health services, medical services of the coroner's office and to enhance mosquito control efforts. This is not a new tax or tax increase and No existing programs or services will be reduced by this rededication. Voters are asked to participate in this important election. Please note that the millage rededication will be the last item on the ballot. I'd like the Sheriff and his staff for hosting the annual Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Luncheon again this year. It's success was facilitated by a host of volunteers from sororities, my fellow Deltas and members of Zeta Phi Beta and Phi Beta Sigma, also volunteers from Marathon Petroleum, Pin Oak Terminals, Tatje Insurance and Financial Products, Bayou Steel, LaPlace Lions Club, Louisiana Federal Credit Union, SJSO Distinguished Gentlemen, East St. John High Interact Club, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Rotary Club of LaPlace. Chefs Sam Cashio and Allan Vicknair also assisted the SJSO cooking team. Little Fats Domino provided the music and once again the seniors seemed to thoroughly enjoy the food, prizes and entertainment. The St. John Pastors Coalition served over 1000 meals and gave away 1000 turkeys during the First Annual Community Thanksgiving Celebration hosted the Sunday before Thanksgiving by St. John by the Pastor Coalition and members of the Faith-Based Community. The meals were served at New Wine Christian Center in LaPlace and at West St. John Elementary School in Edgard. Each attendee received a hot meal, drinks and dessert and door prizes were raffled. Additionally, 1,000 East Bank families and 100 West Bank families left with a Thanksgiving turkey. This was a very fulfilling event and one that touched the hearts of our community. We want to thank the 25 churches involved with this amazing effort. Thank you also to Blessed To Be A Blessing, sponsored by Cargill for handing out over 600 Thanksgiving Turkeys during a giveaway at East St. John Highschool before Thanksgiving. As Christmas season nears, that means it's time for bonfires. Bonfire permits are being issued through the Department of Public Safety through December 18th. Applications are available at the EOC Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The Department of Economic Development will hold its Fall FastTrac graduation tomorrow, Wednesday, November 28th at 6:00 PM at the River Parishes Community College. Graduates completed 10 training sessions and created a business plan to assist them in starting or growing their business. Please join us in congratulating them on their accomplishments. The annual First Responders Blue Mass will be held at our Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Reserve, on Thursday, November 29th at 8:30 am. Clergy in the parish use this time to recognize and thank first responders and public servants during this event. Please join us for the services. Thank you to everyone who came to the Shop Local kickoff at David Lee's Boutique and those who took advantage of Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. The Shop Local this Holiday Season campaign is an effort to encourage residents to shop locally and to highlight our local small businesses. Residents should have received their Shop Local trivia games in the mail and are asked to complete the questions and return them no later than December 29th, 2018. Entries with correct answers will be eligible to win gift cards and other prizes from local retailers. Beginning Monday, December 3rd, completed trivia cards can be dropped off at Shop Local Collection Boxes located at the new complex or the Edgard Courthouse or mailed to the Economic Development Dept. at 1811 West Airline Highway in LaPlace. Congratulations to the West St. John High Rams for advancing to the state football semifinals against Logansport High School. The Rams have one more step before the Dome as they face Oak Grove.

We want to wish them the best of luck and look forward to seeing them in the Superdome!! Also, congratulations to St. Charles Catholic on a great season despite their recent loss in the playoffs."

ADJOURNMENT :

At 10:45 PM, Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Remonet, Councilman Perrilloux absent.

/s/Lennix Madere
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary